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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NAVY MINISTER PITA DA VEIGA TO USS NIMITZ

1. I CALLED ON NAVY MINISTER ADMIRAL PITA DA VEIGA THIS MORNING AND TOLD HIM THAT I WANTED PERSONNALLY TO LET HIM KNOW THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE INVITATION TO VISIT THE NUMITZ SEPTEMBER 29 OR 30 IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 29-30 EXECRISSES, NIMITZ WOULD VISIT GIBRALTAR. I SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS OPERATIONAL AND CREW PURPOSES. I TOLD PITA DA VEIGA THAT I HAD WANTED TO BE SURE THAT HE HAD THIS INFORMATION SO THAT HE COULD CONSIDER OUR INVITATION IN LIGHT OF ALL PERTINENT FACTS.

2. PITA DA VEIGA THANKEDME FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT, HIS COMMITMENTS WOULD NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO VISIT NIMITZ. HE SAID THAT PROFESSIONALLY HE

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WOULD HAVE LIKED VERY MUCH TO MAKE THE VISIT, BUT IT

WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. HE WENT ON
TO SAY THAT HE WAS SURE THAT I WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT
THE VISIT OF NIMITZ TO GIBRALTAR WOULD NOT BE PLEASING
TO THE SPANISH, BUT HE DID NOT PRESS THE POINT. I
TOLD PITA DA VEIGA THAT I UNDERSTOOD THE SPANISH VIEW.
BUT I WAS SURE THAT HE, AS A NAVY MAN, WOULD ALSO
UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SHORE LEAVE FOR THE CREW.
I ADDED THAT IF SPANISH PORTS HAD BEEN AVAILABLE FOR
NIMITZ, AS WELL AS OTHER NPWS, THEN SHORE LEAVE NEEDS
WOULD HAVE BEEN MET.

3. THE TONE OF THE CONVERSATION WAS FRIENDLY AND I
AM SURE THAT PITA DA VEIGA APPRECIATED MY
CALLING ON HIM PERSONALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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